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August 20, 1970

Honorable Paul G. Rogers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your telegram of August 11, concerning the possibility of offering a reward through the Uruguayan Government for information leading to the arrest and conviction of terrorists involved in the death of Dan Mitrione.

The Government of Uruguay is offering one million Uruguayan pesos ($4,000.00) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of terrorists involved in the Mitrione kidnapping and murder as well as for those involved in the kidnapping of Dr. Claude Fly, another American now held by the terrorists. The offer has been publicized and is well known to the people of Uruguay. Our Ambassador has advised us that citizen assistance to the police has been widespread, with hundreds of telephone and letter leads having been given Uruguayan authorities since the murder of Mr. Mitrione. Several prominent Tupamaro terrorist leaders have been picked up, and the availability of the reward has no doubt contributed to this cooperation.

The Government of Uruguay has assured us of its determination to use every means at its disposal

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to secure the safe return of Dr. Fly and to bring those responsible for both crimes before the bar of justice. We are assisting these efforts in every appropriate way. In this connection, your recommendation is being given serious study.

If I can provide further information on this or any other subject, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

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